**PGT INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION (MAIC) –WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE SEPTEMBER 2023**

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| **Date/Time** | **Event** | **Venue** |
| **Monday 18 September** |  |  |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Welcome to MAIC**  In this session the Programme Director will welcome new and returning students to the MA in Intercultural Communication and provide an overview of what to expect from the programme over the academic year. The presentation will also provide advice on optional courses and introduce students to key university support services. | **Coupland Building 3 - Theatre A** |
| From 15:00 | **Staff Introduction videos** | Videos will be available on the Intercultural Communication Common Room Blackboard site from 15.00 on Monday 19 September to watch at any time. |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | **Postgraduate Welcome Reception (Optional Event) \***  Join us in the Whitworth Hall for a wine reception and nibbles (soft drinks also available)  \*Please sign up via the [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pgt-welcome-reception-2023-tickets-700915185187?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail) so we know how many are attending this event | **Whitworth Hall** |
| **Tuesday 19 September** |  |  |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | **Transitions and Expectations: Studying for an MA**  This session is offered to all students on the MA Translation and Interpreting Studies and MA Intercultural Communication. Regardless of whether you have already completed studies in the British higher education system, the session will provide practical advice on what to expect from MA level study, how to get into good study habits and make the most of the learning opportunities at the University of Manchester. | **Stopford Building – Theatre 3** |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | **Introduction to the** **Academic Success programme,** **University Centre for Academic English**  Learn about the workshops and support offered by the UCAE’s Academic Success Programme to help you to improve your academic English proficiency and boost your confidence in writing and speaking. | **Samuel Alexander Building – Samuel Alexander Theatre** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Welcome to the Careers Service (Optional Event)**  This session will introduce you the University’s Careers Service and the support they can offer you during your Master’s and for two years after you finish your course. Louise Sethi, a Careers Consultant, who links with the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, will deliver a presentation and towards the end you will have a chance to ask questions. | **Crawford House - Theatre 1** |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Creative Activists project with Manchester Jewish Museum – info talk (Optional Event)**  Come and find out about the brilliant Creative Activists project, run by [Manchester Jewish Museum](https://www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com/). They are looking for people aged 18 - 25 who are seeking to create powerful acts of sharing and connection with local communities to join the group. | **Samuel Alexander Building – Room A7** |
| **Wednesday 20 September** |  |  |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | **Academic Skills: Close reading activity**  This session is designed to support students in developing effective reading habits at the start of MA level study. The session will focus on the first chapter of a key introduction to research methods in intercultural communication, edited by Zhu Hua:  Zhu, Hua (2016) ‘Identifying Research Paradigms’, in Zhu Hua (ed.) Research Methods in Intercultural Communication: A Practical Guide, Malden MA, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell (pp. 3- 22). Students will have access to this text through the University of Manchester library portal and will receive further guidance on what to do in advance of this session by email at the start of welcome week. | **Coupland Building 3 - Theatre A** |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | **Social Event for MATIS & MAIC students**  This event is an opportunity for students and staff to meet each other in a relaxed and informal environment. Light refreshments will be provided. | **Simon Building – Room 3.44A** |
| **Thursday 21 September** |  |  |
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| **Friday 22 September** |  |  |
| 09:00 – 17:00  1hr slots between these times. | **Group academic advising**  Students will be allocated to one group advising session during which they will be introduced to their academic advisor, find out what the role of the advisor is and how to contact their advisor over the course of the semester. The session will also be an opportunity for students to meet fellow students from the programme and ask questions in advance of the start of teaching. | **Samuel Alexander Building - Room A18** |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | **Meet the SALC Graduates**  **(Optional Event)**  Tune in to have the chance to hear from graduates from the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures about their own Welcome Week experiences and how these first few days of university helped them to prepare for their careers.    A recording of this event will be made available for you to view if you are unable to attend. | **Optional Online event**  Join Zoom Meeting  <https://zoom.us/j/97113199663>  Meeting ID: 971 1319 9663 |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | **PGT International Welcome Event**  **(Optional Event)**  Come and join us for afternoon tea and an opportunity to hear from some of the key service available to support you during your time at Manchester! | **Christie’s Bistro** |

**Important Extras**

SALC Essentials is a series of online courses covering Health & Safety, Academic Malpractice Awareness and Wellbeing & Diversity

These mandatory courses form part of your induction. You need to ensure you complete these courses before Friday 27 October 2023. You can find these courses in your [Blackboard homepage](https://login.manchester.ac.uk/cas/login?service=https%3A%2F%2Fshib.manchester.ac.uk%2Fshibboleth-idp%2FAuthn%2FRemoteUser%3Fconversation%3De1s1). Please note that you can only access these courses once you are fully registered (you can register online [here](https://www.welcome.manchester.ac.uk/get-ready/become-a-student/register-as-a-student/ten-steps/)).

Logo, Course Unit selection Drop Ins


Course Unit Selection ‘Drop-ins’ will be held each day in the Student Hub (next to the Lime Café on the lower ground floor of the Samuel Alexander Building). If you have any questions about course unit selection, drop-in and talk to the team. For more information on course unit selection, please visit: <https://www.studentsupport.manchester.ac.uk/study-support/course-unit-selection/>

**SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE**

The [Stellify Award](https://www.stellify.manchester.ac.uk/) is a prestigious extra-curricular award that you can earn throughout your time at Manchester. You’ll develop new skills, enhance your employability and make a valuable contribution to the world around you. Upon completion of the award, you will receive a certificate and your [Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)](https://www.asesd.manchester.ac.uk/hear/student-info/) will be updated to reflect your extra-curricular achievements.

Forming the core of the Stellify Award are the [Ethical Grand Challenges](http://www.egc.manchester.ac.uk/). These interactive challenges allow you to explore the biggest global challenges - Sustainability (Yr 1), Social Justice (Year 2) and Workplace Ethics (Year 3+).

You will be automatically enrolled in the Sustainability Challenge. Find the Sustainability Challenge in the “My Communities” section of [Blackboard](https://online.manchester.ac.uk/) (if you can’t see the challenge, contact [egc@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:egc@manchester.ac.uk) to request access)**.**

**GETTING AROUND CAMPUS**

[Campus map](https://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=6507)

[Interactive campus map](https://www.manchester.ac.uk/discover/maps/interactive-map/)